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Letter dated 25 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to draw your attention to a report entitled *Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council*. The report, authored by Jeremy Farrall and Hilary Charlesworth (both of the Australian National University), together with Alan Ryan (Australian Civil-Military Centre), is the result of an independent study of the Security Council's approach to the rule of law. It is acknowledged therein that the Council has taken important steps to strengthen the rule of law. At the same time, it is underscored that more work needs to be done.

To that end, the report contains 66 forward-looking recommendations developed in consultation with Governments, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and other academics. Not all the recommendations are endorsed by the Government of Australia, but Australia supports the idea at the heart of the project, which is that the Security Council must both promote and respect the rule of law.

The report is available from https://securitycouncilanalysisnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/arc-linkage_rol-policy-proposals.pdf.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gillian **Bird**